

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SB 588 (Johnson)

SB 588 requires home help care providers and durable medical equipment providers to be included in the list of those that must be paid "on a timely basis" by insurers

Support: MI Home Help Assn., MHA, most major medical assns.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 588 [RC 70: 36 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 241 (George)

SB 241 renames a portion of I-94 and a portion of U.S. 131to the Underground Railroad Memorial Highway.

• SB 241 passed [RC 72: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4675 (Vander Veen)

HB 4675 allows a licensed dental hygienist (who met certain educational requirements and had passed a State board exam), to administer nitrous oxide to a patient who was at least 18 years old, upon delegation by and under the direct supervision of a dentist. The bill also would allow a registered dental assistant who met certain educational requirements to assist and monitor the administration of nitrous oxide, upon delegation by and under the direct supervision of a dentist.

- George 1 (1 amend) was withdrawn. This would have required the state to develop <u>standards</u> and guidelines regarding the use of nitrous oxide by dental assistants.
- George 2 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This requires the state to only develop guidelines regarding the use of nitrous oxide by dental assistants.
- HB 4675 passed with IE [RC 71: 36 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 788 (Hardiman)

SB 788 would add one new circuit court judgeship in Kent County.

- Committee 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This changed the effective date from 2005 to 2007.
 SB 788 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 5199 (Drolet)

HB 5199 prohibits a person convicted of a "sexual assault of a minor" from being released on bail after the conviction and before the sentencing.

• HB 5199 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.